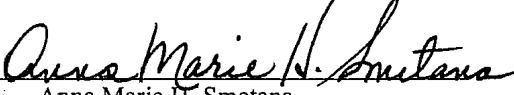


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**Response To Office Action**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006 in the above described case, Applicants hereby submit the following response.

1. Pages 2-4 present the claims as amended.
2. Pages 5 and 6 contain remarks responding to the Office Action.